

***United States Court of Appeals  
for the Second Circuit***



**APPELLANT'S  
APPENDIX**





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# 75-1413

To be argued by  
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Appellee,

-against-

JERRY WAYNE NEAL,

Appellant.

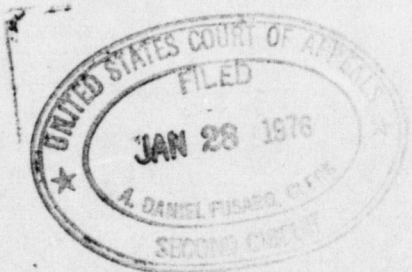
Docket No. 75-1413

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## APPENDIX TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF

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ON APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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DATE	PROCEEDINGS
6-19-75	Before JUDD, J - Indictment filed
7/1/75	Before COSTANTINO, J.- Case called- Deft present without counsel-def arraigned and the Court enters a plea of not guilty- trial set for at 10:00 A.M.
9-15-75	Before COSTANTINO J - case called & adjd to Oct. 14, 1975 for trial
10/14/75	Before COSTANTINO, J.- Case called- Deft and counsel present- Trial and begun--jurors selected and sworn-trial contd to 10/16/75 at 10
10-16-75	Before COSTANTINO J - case called - deft & atty S.Chrein present - trial resumed - Motion for judgment of acquittal - denied - trial contd to Oct. 17, 1975 at 11:00 AM.
10-17-75	Before COSTANTINO J - case called - deft & atty present - trial

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JERRY WAYNE NEAL,

Defendant.

Cr. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(T. 18, U.S.C., §922(a)(1),  
and 924(a)  
T. 26, U.S.C., §5861(d)(h)  
and 5871)

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

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COUNT ONE

On or about and between the 13th day of February and the 4th day of April within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JERRY WAYNE NEAL not at the time being a licenced importer, manufacturer or dealer of firearms or ammunition knowingly and wilfully did engage in the business of dealing in firearms and ammunition. (Title 18, United States Code, §922(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, §924(a)).

COUNT TWO

On or about the 28th day of February 1975 within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JERRY WAYNE NEAL

did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess a firearm as defined in Title 26, United States Code, §5845(a), to wit, a sawed off shotgun, which firearm was not registered to the defendant JERRY WAYNE NEAL in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. (Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d) and 5871).

COUNT THREE

On or about the 28th day of February 1975 within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JERRY WAYNE NEAL did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess a firearm as defined in Title 26, United States Code, §5845(a), to wit, a

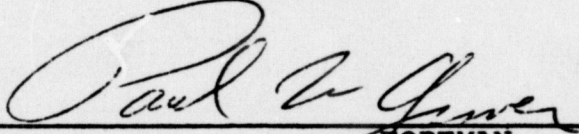
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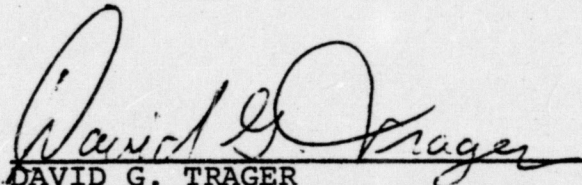


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sawed off shotgun which firearm had the serial number required by Title 26, United States §5842(a) obliterated. (Title 26, United States Code, §5861(h) and Title 18, United States Code, §5871).

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DAVID G. TRAGER  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

11 THE COURT: Now the Court is ready to charge you  
12 on the law. Mr. Foreman, ladies and gentlemen of the  
13 Jury:

14 We now come to the final state of the proceedings.

15 The Court will now charge you on the law to be  
16 applied to the facts in the case.

17 As you may recall, I initially gave you a pre-  
18 charge as to the manner in which the case would be  
19 presented to you. I told you that most of the evidence  
20 in the case would come in the form of the testimony of  
21 witnesses, and that you were to pay special attention  
22 to the manner in which the witnesses testified.

23 I believe I also instructed you that you would be  
24 the judges of the facts in the case, that being your  
25 sole province; and that your recollection of the facts



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2 after having heard all of the evidence in the case, the  
3 testimony of the witnesses and the documentary proof,  
4 was to control the determination of the issues.

5 Likewise at the time I told you that I would be  
6 the judge of the law. This has not changed at this  
7 stage of the proceedings. I will not review the facts  
8 in this case for you because I am certain that with  
9 summations by the attorneys there is no need for the  
10 Court to review the facts. In any event, if you find  
11 that there is some fact in the case that you may have  
12 forgotten or don't recollect, or you can't agree with  
13 each other in your deliberations, you can have it read  
14 back from the record, and that will, I am sure, re-  
15 fresh your memory.

16 In any event, I am the judge of the law. You must  
17 accept what I say to be the law in this case.

18 Now, the attorneys have been permitted by the  
19 Court and by the rules to make opening statements and  
20 summations to you. Under no circumstances are the  
21 statements they have made by way of opening or by way  
22 of summation to be taken as evidence. However the  
23 Court and the law does permit you to take the arguments  
24 that they have proffered before you and weigh those  
25 arguments. And if you agree with what they have said.

on either side of the case you may use those arguments in your deliberations and in discussing the case with each other, and try to convince one another as to what the final determination shall be with reference to the deliberations at hand.

If you feel that the arguments are not commensurate with the testimony and the proof in the case, you may disregard them. The arguments are not evidence. You need not weigh them. However, there are times when the arguments of the attorneys will give you an insight as to something you may have missed, and you may discuss that portion of it if you so desire.

Now, of course, I also said to you that during the trial the Court will be the judge of the law. Likewise, as to motions which at times we had a side bar, as you may recall. That was not for the purpose of keeping any of the proof from you, but were matters of law that were discussed between the attorneys and the Court itself and should not have come before you. In any event, if you feel that you have discovered by some stretch of your imagination what this Court thinks as to either some of the testimony or the case itself, you should remove that from your mind because I told you here and now I have come to no conclusion in this



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2 case nor have I indicated to you in any what whatsoever  
3 what my feeling is with reference to the facts in the  
4 case or with reference to the guilt or innocence of the  
5 defendant. That is your province and your job. You  
6 should not try to weigh what you believe the Court's  
7 impression may be.

8 You must understand that the lawyers who appear be-  
9 fore you are advocates. They are advocating the best case  
10 they can for the parties they represent and they have  
11 a right to exercise as much forcefulness as they desire  
12 in their questioning or otherwise in presenting their  
13 case. I say this because this is within the framework  
14 of the ordinary trial.

15 You have been chosen and sworn as jurors in this  
16 case to try the issues of fact presented by the alle-  
17 gations of the indictment and the denial made by the  
18 "Not-Guilty" plea of the accused. You are to perform  
19 this duty without bias or prejudice as to any party.  
20 The law does not permit jurors to be governed by sym-  
21 pathy, prejudice or bias. Both the accused and the  
22 public expect that you will carefully and impartially  
23 consider all the evidence in the case, follow the law  
24 as stated by the Court and reach a just verdict, regard-  
25 less of the consequences.

During my pre-charge I told you among other things that the questions asked by the attorneys are never to be considered as evidence even though the question may contain a statement of evidence. You are reminded that only the answer to the question is evidence, if, of course, the question was answered.

Of course you know by this time that this case has come before you by way of an indictment presented by a Grand Jury sitting in this Eastern District. The indictment charges the defendant with 3 counts, I shall now read it to you. Remember, the indictment is merely an accusation, merely a piece of paper. It is not evidence and is not proof of anything.

Count 1, on or about and between the 13th day of February and the 4th day of April within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant Jerry Wayne Neal, not at the time being a licensed importer, manufacturer or dealer of firearms or ammunition knowingly and willfully did engage in the business of dealing in firearms and ammunition. That is under Title 18, United States Code, Section 922 (a) (1) and Title 18, United States Code Section 924 (a).

The defendant is thus accused of violating Section 922 (a) (1) which provides:



It shall be unlawful, (1) for any person, except a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer, to engage in the business of dealing in firearms or ammunition, or in the course of such a business to ship, transport, or receive any firearm or ammunition in interstate or foreign commerce.

In order to convict a defendant of this crime, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following three elements:

First, that from on or about February 13, 1975 and continuing until April 4, 1975, the defendant engaged in the business of dealing in firearms or ammunition.

Second, that the defendant did not have a Federal Firearms license as an importer, manufacturer or dealer; and

Third, that the defendant acted knowingly and wilfully.

The precise dates are not essential to prove guilt.

As to the first element of the offense, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant dealt in firearms or ammunition, without a Federal license. The United States Code defines a

"dealer" very broadly as any person engaged in the business of selling firearms at wholesale or retail. The law defines a dealer in firearms as one who is engaged in a business of selling firearms. The law defines business as that which occupies time, attention and labor for the purpose of livelihood or profit. The defendant must have been shown to have engaged in the business of dealing in firearms or ammunition.

The use of the terms, wholesale or retail, does not necessarily have the connotation of an open business. It can be clandestine and somewhat sporadic. A simple sale or even a few sales would not be enough if the defendant did not plan to continue to obtain guns or gun parts and sell them to appropriate customers. An analogy might be a housewife who regularly supplements her income without her husband's knowledge by selling dresses that she has obtained from a manufacturer she knows to a few neighbors or friends. She would be, in terms of the statute, engaged in the business of dealing in dresses.

It is not possession but engaging in the business of dealing in firearms or ammunition that is the central element of the crime.

The term firearm is defined as, "any weapon, which



will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by means of an explosive." That is under Title 18, United States Code, Section 921 (a) (3) appendix 1202 (c) (3). A hand gun and/or a shotgun would be included in the definition.

Concerning the second element, as I noted, you must find that the defendant did not have a Federal Firearms license as an importer, manufacturer or dealer.

Concerning the third element, the Government must prove that the defendant acted knowingly and wilfully.

An act is done knowingly if done voluntarily and intentionally, and not because of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

The purpose of adding the word knowingly was to insure that no one would be convicted for an act done because of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

An act is wilful if the defendant acts voluntarily with a specific intent to do something the law forbids. That is to say, with the bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law.

To establish specific intent, the Government must prove that the defendant knowingly did an act which the law forbids, purposely intending to violate the law.

Such intent may be determined from all the facts and circumstances surrounding the case.

Intent is ordinarily difficult to prove directly, because there is no way of fathoming or scrutinizing the operations of the human mind. But you may infer the defendant's intent from the surrounding circumstances. You may consider any statement made and act done by a defendant and all other facts and circumstances in evidence which indicate his state of mind. It is ordinarily reasonable to infer that a person intends the natural and probable consequences of acts knowingly done or knowingly omitted.

Count 2 involves a different statute from Count 1. Count 2 states:

"On or about the 28th day of February, 1975 within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant Jerry Wayne Neal did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess a firearm as defined in Title 26, United States Code, Section 5845 (a), to wit, a sawed-off shotgun, which firearm was not registered to the defendant Jerry Wayne Neal in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. That is under Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861 (d) and 5871.



The statute says: It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a firearm which is not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration Transfer Record.

In order to convict the defendant in this case of this crime, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements.

The defendant at the time and place charged in the indictment knowingly possessed a shotgun with a barrell less than 18 inches in length; and that the shotgun at the time and place charged was not registered to the defendant in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

The Government is obligated to establish each of these elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The law never imposes on the defendant in a criminal prosecution the burden of calling any witnesses or of introducing any evidence.

As far as the defendant's knowledge is concerned, the Government is required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knew that he had a shotgun in his possession. Unlike the first count defendant may be found guilty of the second count even if he had no wilful intent to break the law so long as he knowing-

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2 ly possessed the shotgun. In other words he would be  
3 guilty of this crime even if he did not know that the  
4 shotgun was not registered so long as he knew that he  
5 possessed the shotgun and the shotgun was in fact not  
6 registered.

7 The term shotgun means a weapon designed or re-  
8 designed, made or remade, and intended to be fired  
9 from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made  
10 or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed  
11 shotgun shell to fire through a smoother bore either  
12 a number of projectiles or a single projectile for  
13 each pull of the trigger, and shall include any such  
14 weapon which may be readily restored to fire a fixed  
15 shotgun shell.

16 A shotgun would be included in this definition.  
17 but a hand gun would not. That means Exhibit 1,  
18 would not.

19 In deciding whether or not defendant possessed  
20 the gun you should be aware that the law recognizes  
21 two kinds of possession: A person who knowingly has  
22 direct physical control over a thing, at a given  
23 time, is then in actual possession of it.

24 A person who, although not in actual possession,  
25 knowingly has both the power and the intention, at a



given time to exercise dominion or control over a thing, either directly or through another person or persons, is then in constructive possession of it.

You must find that the element of possession as that term is used in these instructions is present if you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant had actual or constructive possession.

An act or a failure to act is knowingly done if done voluntarily and intentionally and not because of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

The Government has produced a certificate of the custodian of the National Firearms Register and Transfer Record to the effect that he has made a diligent search and has found no record of any firearms being registered to the defendant. You may accept this certification as evidence that the shotgun in evidence was not registered to the defendant but you are not obligated to do so. It is up to you to determine what evidence you will accept.

Now I will read the third count.

Count 3: On or about the 28th day of February, 1975, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant Jerry Wayne Neal did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess a firearm as defined in Title 26,

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2 United States Code Section 5845 (a), to wit, a sawed-  
3 off shotgun which firearm had the serial number re-  
4 quired by Title 26, United States Code, Section 5842  
5 (a) obliterated. That is under Title 26, United States  
6 Code 5861 and Title 18 United States Code, Section  
7 5871.

8 That statute provides that it shall be unlawful  
9 for any person to possess a firearm having the serial  
10 number required by this chapter obliterated.

11 Much of what I said about Count 2 applies to  
12 Count 3. In order for you to find the defendant guilty  
13 of this count the Government must prove beyond a  
14 reasonable doubt each of the following two elements:

15 That the defendant at the time and place charged  
16 in the indictment knowingly possessed a shotgun with  
17 a barrel less than 18 inches in length, and second  
18 that the serial number on this shotgun was obliterated.

19 As was the case with Count 2, the Government  
20 must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defen-  
21 dent knew that he possessed a shotgun. The Government  
22 must also prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
23 serial number on the shotgun was in fact obliterated,  
24 but it need not prove that the defendant had knowledge  
25 that it was obliterated.



The defendant asserts that he was a victim of entrapment as to the crime charged in the indictment.

Where a person has no previous intent or purpose to violate the law, but is induced or persuaded by law enforcement officers or their agents to commit a crime, he is a victim of entrapment and the law as a matter of policy forbids his conviction in such a case.

On the other hand, where a person already has the readiness and willingness to break the law, the fact that the Government agent provided what appears to be a favorable opportunity is not entrapment.

For example when the Government suspects that a person is engaged in the illicit sale of narcotics, it is not entrapment for a Government agent to pretend to be someone else and to offer, either directly or through an informer or other decoy, to purchase narcotics from such suspected person. In deciding whether entrapment occurred in this case you must consider the following two questions:

Did the informer and/or agent induce the accused to commit the offense charged in each of the counts;

If so, was the defendant ready and willing without persuasion and was he awaiting any propitious opportunities to commit the offense.

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2 If then the Jury should find beyond a reasonable  
3 doubt from the evidence in the case that before any-  
4 thing at all occurred respecting the alleged offense  
5 involved in this case, the defendant was ready and  
6 willing to commit crimes such as charged in the indict-  
7 ment, whenever opportunity was afforded and that Govern-  
8 ment officers or their agents did not more than offer  
9 the opportunity, then the Jury should find the defen-  
10 dant is not a victim of entrapment.

11 On the other hand, if the evidence in the case  
12 should leave you with a reasonable doubt whether the  
13 defendant had the previous intent or purpose to commit  
14 any offense of the character here charged, apart from  
15 the inducement or persuasion of some officer or agent  
16 of the Government, then it is your duty to find him  
17 not guilty.

18 As I have already told you, a hand gun can be  
19 the subject of a violation of Count 1 in this indict-  
20 ment, but cannot be the subject of Counts 2 or 3.  
21 Therefore in deciding whether the defendant was  
22 guilty or was not guilty of Count 1 you may consider  
23 evidence relating to the Government's Exhibit #1 which  
24 is a hand gun. However, you may not consider such  
25 evidence in relationship to Counts 2 and 3.



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2 You are entitled to consider evidence relating  
3 to Government's Exhibit 1 in determining for purposes  
4 of the entrapment defense, whether or not the defen-  
5 dant had a propensity to commit any of the offenses  
6 charged.

7 You may hear me sometimes refer to direct evi-  
8 dence and to circumstantial evidence and it is well  
9 to explain now the difference between these two types  
10 of evidence.

11 Direct evidence is where a witness testified to  
12 what he saw, heard of observed, what he knows of his  
13 own knowledge, something which comes to him by virtue  
14 of his senses.

15 Circumstantial evidence is evidence of facts  
16 and circumstances from which one may infer connected  
17 facts which reasonably follow the common experience of  
18 mankind. Stated somewhat differently, circumstantial  
19 evidence is evidence which tends to prove a disputed  
20 fact by proof of other facts which have a logical  
21 tendency to lead the mind to a conclusion that those  
22 facts exist which are sought to be established.

23 Circumstantial evidence is, if believed, is of  
24 no less value than direct evidence for in either case  
25 you must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of

2 the guilt of a defendant.

3 A defendant is presumed innocent of the crime.  
4 Thus the defendant, although accused, begins the trial  
5 with a clean slate and with no evidence against him  
6 and the law permits nothing but legal evidence to be  
7 presented before a Jury to be considered in support  
8 of any charge against the accused.

9 So the presumption of innocence alone is suffi-  
10 cient to acquit a defendant unless you, the Jury, are  
11 satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's  
12 guilt after careful and impartial consideration of all  
13 the evidence in the case.

14 It is not required that the Government prove guilt  
15 beyond all possible doubt. The test is one of reason-  
16 able doubt, a reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon  
17 reason and common sense, the kind of doubt that would  
18 make a reasonable person hesitate to act. Proof be-  
19 yond a reasonable doubt must therefore, be proof of  
20 such a convincing character that you would be willing  
21 to rely and act upon it unhesitatingly in the most  
22 important of your own affairs.

23 You, the Jury, will remember that the defendant  
24 is never to be convicted on mere suspicion or conjec-  
25 ture and the burden is always upon the prosecution to



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2 prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. This burden  
3 never shifts to a defendant. The law never imposes  
4 upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty  
5 of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.  
6 If the Jury views the evidence in the case as reason-  
7 ably permitting either of two conclusions, one of  
8 innocence, the other of guilt, you, the Jury, must, of  
9 course, adopt the conclusion of innocence.

10 I have said that the defendant may be proven  
11 guilty either by direct or circumstantial evidence. As  
12 I have said direct evidence is the testimony of one  
13 who asserts actual knowledge, such as an eyewitness.  
14 Also circumstantial evidence is proof of a chain of  
15 facts and circumstances indicating the guilt or inno-  
16 cence of a defendant. You, the Jury, may make common  
17 sense inferences from the proven facts.

18 It is not necessary that all inferences drawn  
19 from the facts in evidence be consistent only with  
20 guilt and inconsistent with every reasonable hypothesis  
21 of innocence. The test is one of reasonable doubt,  
22 and should be based upon all the evidence, the testi-  
23 mony of the witnesses, the documents offered into evi-  
24 dence and the reasonable inferences which can be drawn  
25 from the proven facts.

1                   An inference is a deduction or conclusion which  
2                   reason and common sense leave the Jury to draw from  
3                   the facts which have been proven. You are to consider  
4                   only the evidence in this case. But, in your considera-  
5                   tion of the evidence you are not limited to the bald  
6                   statements of the witnesses. On the contrary, you are  
7                   permitted to draw, from the facts which you find have  
8                   been proven, such reasonable inferences as seem justi-  
9                   fied in the light of your own experiences.

11                  A reasonable doubt may arise not only from the  
12                  evidence produced, but also from the lack of evidence.  
13                  Since the burden is upon the prosecution to prove the  
14                  accused guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of every essen-  
15                  tial element of the crime charged, a defendant has  
16                  the right to rely upon the failure of the prosecution  
17                  to establish such proof.

18                  You as jurors are the sole judges of the credibi-  
19                  lity of the witnesses and the weight their testimony  
20                  deserves, and it goes without saying that you should  
21                  scrutinize all the testimony given, the circumstances  
22                  under which each witness has testified, and every  
23                  matter in evidence which tends to show whether a wit-  
24                  ness is worthy of belief. Consider each witness's  
25                  intelligence, motive and state of mind, and his de-



meanor and manner while on the stand. Consider the witness's ability to observe the matters as to which he has testified, and whether he impresses you as having an accurate recollection of these matters. Consider also any relation each witness may bear to either side of the case: the manner in which each witness might be affected by the verdict: and the extent to which, if at all, each witness is either supported or contradicted by other evidence in the case.

Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the testimony of a witness, or between the testimony of different witnesses, may or may not cause the Jury to discredit such testimony. Two or more persons witnessing an incident or a transaction may see or hear it differently; and innocent misrecollection, like failure of recollection, is not an uncommon experience.

In weighing the effect of a discrepancy, always consider whether it pertains to a matter of importance or an unimportant detail, and whether the discrepancy results from innocent error or intentional falsehood.

After making your own judgement, you will give the testimony of each witness such credibility, if any, as you may think it deserves.

When a defendant in a case of this kind takes the

stand, which he has a perfect right to do, he is subject to all the obligations of witnesses, and his testimony is to be treated like the testimony of any other witness: that is to say, it will be for you to say, remembering the substance of his testimony, the manner in which he gave it, his cross examination, and everything else in this case, whether or not he told the truth. Then, again, it is for you to remember, as you have a perfect right to do so, the very grave interest the defendant has in the case. As he places himself as a witness, he stands like any other witness.

Every witness's testimony must be weighed as to its truthfulness. If you find any witness lied as to any material fact in the case, then the law gives you certain privileges. One of those privileges is that you have the right to disregard the entire testimony of that witness. If you find, however, that you can sift through that testimony and determine which of the testimony is true and which was false, then the law allows you to take the portions which were true and weigh it and disregard those portions which were false. That again is within your prerogative.

The weight of the evidence is not necessarily determined by the number of witnesses testifying on



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2 either side. You should consider all the facts and  
3 circumstances in evidence to determine which of the  
4 witnesses are worthy of greater credence. You may  
5 find that the testimony of a smaller number of witnesses  
6 on one side is more credible than the testimony of a  
7 greater number of witnesses on the other side.

8 You are not obligated to accept the testimony,  
9 even though the testimony is uncontradicted and the  
10 witness is not impeached. You may decide, because of  
11 the witness's bearing and demeanor, or because of the  
12 inherent improbability of his testimony, or for other  
13 reasons significant to you, that such testimony is  
14 not worthy of belief.

15 The Government is not required to prove the essen-  
16 tial elements of the offenses as defined in these in-  
17 structions by any particular number of witnesses. The  
18 testimony of a single witness may be significant to  
19 convince you beyond a reasonable doubt of the existence  
20 the essential elements of the offense charged, if you  
21 believe beyond a reasonable doubt that the witness is  
22 telling the truth.

23 There is nothing peculiarly different in the  
24 way a Jury should consider the evidence in a criminal  
25 case, from that in which all reasonable persons treat

any question depending upon evidence presented to them. You are expected to use your good common sense: consider the evidence in the case for only those purposes for which it has been admitted, and give it a reasonable and fair construction, in the light of your common knowledge and the natural tendencies and inclinations of human beings.

If an accused be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt say so. If not so proved guilty, say so.

Keep constantly in mind that it would be a violation of your sworn duty to base a verdict of guilty upon anything other than the evidence in the case: and remember as well that the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

In making the factual determination on which your verdict will be based, you may consider only the exhibits which have been admitted in evidence and the testimony of the witnesses as you have heard it in this Courtroom.

The punishment provided by law for the offenses charged in the indictment is a matter exclusively within the province of the Court, and should never be considered by the Jury in any way, in arriving at



an impartial verdict as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

If any references by the Court or by Counsel to matters of evidence does not coincide with your own recollection, it is your recollection which should control during your deliberations.

A separate crime or offense is charged against the defendant in each of the counts of the indictment. Each offense, and the evidence pertaining to it, should be considered separately. The fact that you may find the accused guilty or not guilty of one of the offenses charged should not control your verdict as to any other offense charged. Likewise, a finding of entrapment or not, to one of the offenses charged should not control your verdict as to any other offense charged.

Now, when you have this type of case there must be a unanimous verdict, that means all 12 of you must agree, and it goes without saying that it becomes incumbent upon you to listen to one another and to argue out the points among yourselves in order to determine in good conscience whether your fellow jurors' argument is one commensurate with yours or whether at least you can with good conscience agree with him. You have no right to stubbornly and idly sit by and say,

"I am not talking to anyone," "I am not going to discuss it," because people with common sense and the ability to reason must communicate, they must communicate their thoughts. So, anything which appears in the record and about which one of you may not agree, talk it out amongst yourselves and then if you can't agree as to what is in the record, well, you can ask the Court to have that portion of the testimony read back to you. You may do so by knocking on the door and giving a note in writing to the Clerk who will then present it to the Court and I will then bring you into the Courtroom for the purposes of answering any of your questions that you may have.

The Foreman will preside over your deliberations and will be your spokesman here in Court.

A Jury's verdict must be unanimous, and as you know this means all 12 of you must agree. When all 12 of you have agreed upon a verdict, your verdict should be on the three counts in the indictment. If you should find the defendant innocent of all three counts, you should announce your finding that we the Jury find the defendant not guilty. If you should find the defendant guilty as to one count and not guilty as to any other count, then you would announce your former



verdict as to which of the counts he is guilty and to which of the counts you find him not guilty. That is the Court's charge.

(Whereupon, the following occurred at the side bar.)

MR. CHREIN: Your Honor, there are two points I would like raised. One is partially in the nature of an objection to the Government's summation. But I believe that it can be corrected by your charge.

Mr. Gould implied in his summations that in order to have an entrapment there must be a repeated number of dealings and the defendant must be dragged to and kicking and screaming into the crime. I don't think by that standard the Jury can find a defense of entrapment. If you could say that entrapment by trickery or more subtle means --

MR. GOULD: Your Honor, may I?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. GOULD: I have a problem with the entrapment charge. I believe that any statement that I made about this man being dragged into it kicking and screaming and Mr. Chrein made the same statement so as long as he didn't --

THE COURT: I think the way to handle this one

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2 is if you feel strongly about it, then I will tell  
3 them about any arguments by the attorneys in reference  
4 to the method used in apprehending the defendant is  
5 not law but merely statements by the lawyers.

6 (The following statement was made in open Court.)

7 THE COURT: You must take the law as the Court  
8 gives it to you on the question of entrapment.

9 (The following occurred at the side bar.)

10 MR. GOULD: Perhaps the Court can say any law is  
11 not what the attorneys say --

12 THE COURT: I already gave them that.

13 MR. CHREIN: I believe, Your Honor, I have one  
14 more.

15 MR. GOULD: I'm sorry?

16 MR. CHREIN: As Your Honor will recall we never  
17 had a chance to get together on the charge, the addi-  
18 tional charge #7 because we had no hiatus between  
19 summation and charge. But I do feel even if the Jury  
20 feels that while the acts might be relevant for the  
21 purposes of establishing the defendant's protensity to  
22 commit the act, the Court should instruct the Jury that  
23 if the Jury feels that the defendant was induced without  
24 the protensity, that if the Jury feels he was induced  
25 without protensity to commit the act and he repeated



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2 the crime, that does not have any bearing in and of  
3 itself --

4 THE COURT: I have it right in the beginning of  
5 my entrapment charge. It is spelled out in the entrap-  
6 ment charge. An inducement is not ready and willing.  
7 It is part of it. It is not sufficient. I read the  
8 ready and willing.

9 MR. CHREIN: I think by the mere fact --

10 THE COURT: I will tell you what I will do for  
11 you. I will tell them what the Court's charge is on  
12 inducement and you have to have readiness and willing-  
13 ness to commit the crime and without that he is not  
14 guilty.

15 MR. GOULD: I would object. I don't believe that  
16 is what the law is.

17 THE COURT: It is in the charge.

18 MR. GOULD: If they find he was induced, assuming  
19 they go to ready and willing --

20 THE COURT: I will charge them this way. I will  
21 charge them if you find there is no inducement by  
22 the agent for this defendant to commit the crime then  
23 of course you will disregard the charge of the indict-  
24 ment if there is inducement by the agent. Meaning you  
25 must find he was ready and willing to commit the crime.

MR. GOULD: In addition the burden is on the Government. If he is ready and willing, Your Honor, I will --

THE COURT: I will correct it anyhow.

MR. CHREIN: Inasmuch as we're going to have something additional on entrapment, I would ask the Court if it would repeat the part about commission of a crime that does not specifically rule out entrapment

MR. GOULD: But you may --

THE COURT: But you may consider it.

(The following took place in open Court.)

THE COURT: There are two additional items that the Court will instruct the Jury at this time.

The first item is that I think if you will recall I said that the arguments and statements of the attorneys, either by way of opening or by way of closing arguments is never to be taken by you as either the law in the case or the facts in evidence. The facts come from the witness stand. The law comes from the Judge. So whatever statements may have been made at the time as to the method that was used in the apprehension of the defendant, either sides argument before you is not controlling as to the law in this case. The Court having charged you on entrapment which you heard in addition to that charge an entrapment which the



1 COURT'S CHARGE 310  
2 Court has already delivered, I wish to add this por-  
3 tion to it. That is if you should find there was no  
4 inducement in reference to the defendant to commit the  
5 crime, then of course you will disregard the charge of  
6 entrapment and you would then go onto the question of  
7 being guilty or not guilty. If you should find the  
8 defendant, rather that he was induced to commit the  
9 crime, then you must also find whether or not he was  
10 ready and willing to commit the crime. It is the  
11 Government's burden to prove to you that he was ready  
12 and willing to commit these crimes, beyond a reasonable  
13 doubt as I have charged you.

14 In addition to that the mere fact there may have  
15 been a series of activities by the defendant in the sale  
16 of an item in the case, that in and of itself may not  
17 be sufficient. However, you may take into consideration  
18 the series of activities by the defendant in selling  
19 guns as to whether or not he was entrapped in this situ-  
20 ation.

21 That is the Court's charge.

22 (Whereupon, two Marshalls were sworn.)  
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REQUEST NO. 7

If you determine from all the evidence beyond every reasonable doubt, that before anything at all occurred respecting the alleged offenses in this case, the defendant was ready and willing to commit crimes such as charged in this indictment, You must still find the defendant not guilty unless you are also satisfied from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant did not obtain the shot gun in question from the informer.

United States v Bueno, 447 F 2d 903 (5th Cir. 1971)

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